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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE TOWN OF

EFFINGHAM

NEW HAMPSHIRE

FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 31

1921

ANNUAL REPORTS

—— OF THE ——

TOWN OFFICERS

—— OF THE ——

Town of Effingham, N. H.

For the Fiscal Year Ending January 31, 1921

Vital Statistics 1920

THE KINGSWOOD PRINT SHOP
Wolfeboro, New Hampshire
1921

TOWN OFFICERS 1920—1921

TOWN CLERK
JAMES L. WORMWOOD

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS and OVERSEERS OF THE POOR
CHARLES H. CLARK FRANK A. PIKE
MELVIN H. NUTTER

TREASURER
SHERMAN U. CUTTING

HIGHWAY AGENTS
CHARLES A. SPRAGUE WILLARD L. MELOON
ALBION H. DAVIS

SCHOOL BOARD
FLORENCE G. LEAVITT ARTHUR P. MELOON
EDITH K. TAYLOR

AUDITORS
WILLIAM R. CLARK MOSES S. CHASE

BOARD OF HEALTH
Dr. J. M. LEAVITT

COLLECTOR
FRANK O. LEAVITT

TRUANT OFFICER
J. M. LEAVITT

CONSTABLE
JOHN L. MARSTON

MODERATOR
J. M. LEAVITT

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

Inventory for Year 1920

	Number	Valuation
Polls	132	
Real Estate		$ 393,812 00
Horses	153	18,305 00
Oxen	4	550 00
Cows	156	11,278 00
Neat Stock	44	3,195 00
Hogs	3	100 00
Fowl	175	350 00
Portable Mills	8	3,950 00
Boats	2	200 00
Wood and Lumber		51,914 00
Municipal Bonds and Notes		31,425 00
Stock in National Banks in this State		400 00
Money on Hand		1,582 00
Stock in Trade		14,001 00
Locks and Canals		9,600 00
		$ 537,262 00
Less Soldiers' Exemption		3,400 00
		$ 533,862 00

Appropriations

Town Charges	$ 400 00
Summer Highway	2,000 00
Winter Highway	1,500 00
Public Library	50 00
Memorial Day	10 00
Sanders' Will	10 00
State Aid Construction	228 50
State Aid Maintenance	500 00
Town Debt	500 00

For School as per Law, $5 per Thousand of Total Valuation	$ 2,307 00
State Tax	1,632 00
County Tax	1,145 44
School House and Grounds, Repairs	150 00
School Officers' Salaries	70 00
Scholars Enrolled in 1919, 80, $2.00 per Cap.	160 00
High School Tuition	200 00
School Lot Fund	40 00
School District Deficit	438 00
Street Lights	125 00
School Superintendent Excess Salary	50 00
Overlay	356 56
	$ 11,922 50
Amount Committed to Collector	11,936 65
Rate per Thousand $21.00	

Receipts

From Local Back Taxes	$ 279 22
From Local Taxes 1919	263 30
From Local Taxes 1920	10,920 13
Savings Bank Tax	285 25
Highway Maintenance and Construction	758 35
Rochester Trust Co., Loan, Anticipa'n of Tax	2,000 00
Rochester Trust Co., For New Construction	3,600 00
James L. Wormwood, Dog Licenses	46 75
James L. Wormwood, Automobile Tax	148 05
State Treasurer, Refund on Fire Bill	29 69
	$ 18,330 74
Cash in Treasury Beginning of Year	1,111 70
	$ 19,442 44

Payments

Town Officers' Salaries	$ 445 99
Town Officers' Expenses	273 87
Expenses Town Hall and Buildings	62 70
Election and Registration	2 00
Protection of Persons and Property	
Fire Department	77 62
Bounties	9 00
Health and Sanitation	
Vital Statistics	4 15
Highways and Bridges	
Town Maintenance, Summer	1,716 36
State Aid Maintenance	849 93
Town Maintenance, Winter	2,261 09
General Expenses of Dept.	
General Expenses	48 98
Education	
Librady	10 00
Charities	
Town Poor	66 83
Patriotic Purposes	
Aid to Ambrose Post G. A. R.	10 00
Unclassified	
Abatement refunded	1 50
Total Current Maintenance Expenses	$ 5,840 02
Interest	
Paid on Temporary Loan in Anticipa'n of Taxes	50 00
Paid on Long Term Note	65 00
Total	$ 115 00
New Construction and Improvements	
State Aid Construction	1,103 45
Town Construction	3,433 20

Indebtedness	
Payments on Temporary Loans in Anticipation of Taxes	$ 2,000 00
Pawments to other Governmental Divisions	
Taxes Paid to State	$ 1,632 00
Taxes Paid to County	1,145 44
Payments to School District	3,410 00
	$ 6,187 44
Total Payments for All Purposes	$ 18,679 11

DETAIL I.

Detailed Statement of Payments

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Fannie Gould, Librarian	$ 50 00
Walter Marston, Supervisor	20 00
Richard Dearborn, Supervisor	20 00
Arthur P. Meloon, Supervisor	20 00
Charles H. Clark, Selectman	55 00
Frank A. Pike, Selectman	47 50
Melvin H. Nutter, Selectman	47 50
Sherman U. Cutting, Treasurer	50 00
James L. Wormwood, Clerk	20 00
John L. Marston, Constable	10 00
Frank O. Leavitt, Collector	89 99
J. M. Leavitt, Board of Health	10 00
W. R. Clark, Auditor	3 00
Moses S. Chase, Auditor	3 00
	$ 445 99

DETAIL II.

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

C. H. Clark, Meeting Tax Commission	$ 6.68
Edson C. Eastman Co., Supplies	3 53

Rumford Printing Co.,	$ 107 80
C.H. Clark, Revaluing Timber and Trip to Wolfeboro	47 96
M. H. Nutter, Revaluing Timber	40 00
Frank A. Pike, Revaluing Timber	40 00
C. H. Clark, Postage, Stationery, Telephone	15 90
Sherman U. Cutting, Postage	12 00
	$ 273 87

DETAIL III.

EXPENSES OF TOWN HALL AND BUILDINGS

Arthur Sprague, Sawing Wood	$ 3 50
Albert W. Leighton Co., Insurance	48 00
Geo. W. Towle, Whitewashing, Work on Library	5 00
Kate E. Barker, Cleaning Library	5 00
Edith K. Taylor, Lime for Library	1 20
	$ 62 70

DETAIL IV.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Richard Dearborn, Fire Warden	$ 61 12
John L. Marston, Deputy Fire Warden	16 50
	$ 77 62

DETAIL V.

BOUNTIES

Frank A. Pike	3 20
C. H. Clark	5 80
	$ 9 00

DETAIL VI.

VITAL STATISTICS

James L. Wormwood	$ 2 40
J. M. Leavitt	1 75
	$ 4 15

DETAIL VII.

STATE AID MAINTENANCE

G. Aldo Meloon, Patrolman	$ 849 93

DETAIL VIII.

TOWN MAINTENANCE, SUMMER ROAD

Leon Marston	$ 1 35
Bert W. Davis	40 00
Charles Sprague	50 00
F. C. Bonyman	6 93
Irving W. Davis	20 00
Frank Rowe	2 50
C. A. Sprague	45 00
Norman Sprague	12 00
Frank Moody	19 00
F. Moody	54 33
Mellen Moody	21 50
Irving Davis	20 00
Frank Moody	5 00
Walter Marston	21 00
Arthur Sprague	6 00
Charles Edwards	8 55
Charles Sprague	30 00
Frank P. Rowe	31 50
Sewell Meloon	10 00
Oscar Drake	4 50
Willard L. Meloon	26 00
Walter E. Russell	20 00

C. H. Clark	$ 8 00
Bert Davis	20 00
Clinton Davis	6 00
Mortimer Barker	15 00
Norman Sprague	4 50
Charles Sprague	40 00
Frank A. Pike	8 00
Walter E. Russell	12 00
A. H. Davis	40 00
Charles P. Kimball	24 00
C. I. Lothian	2 20
Calvin Clough	6 00
Edgar Kimball	12 75
Charles S. Meloon	33 00
William Fulton	6 00
Bert W. Davis	20 00
Frank Emons	24 85
Clinton Davis	11 25
Arthur Sprague	17 00
Bert Davis	40 00
Sewell K. Meloon	6 00
Fred Murry	1 50
Benj. Brownell	46 00
Lester Davis	8 25
Charles E. Meloon	14 00
John L. Marston	9 00
Willard L. Meloon	16 00
Edgar Kimball	3 00
Frank P. Rowe	7 50
Edmun Kenny	40 50
Geo. W. Towle	7 80
Norman Sprague	6 00
Arthur Sprague	3 00
Charles Sprague	20 00
Owen H. Palmer	4 50
A. H. Davis	97 85

J. Harold Nicklin	$ 4 00
Frank Moody	5 25
E.J. Leavitt	3 13
Frank Barnard	1 50
C. E. and H. P. Smart, Plank	145 00
Jesse Wilkinson	3 00
E. J. Leavitt	16 87
Melvin R. Wikinson	9 50
Arthur Nichols	7 40
Charles Nichols	10 00
Francis Moody	10 00
Mellen Moody	10 00
Frank Moody	5 00
Chester H. Drake	3 00
W. D. Gale	8 85
S. K. Meloon	20 66
W. M. Thurston	9 00
Calvin Clough	12 00
Richard Dearborn	5 00
Harry C. Davis	16 50
George W. Leighton	13 50
Orren Stillings	10 00
George Towle	7 00
Arthur P. Meloon	38 50
Fred Murry	1 50
M. H. Nutter	17 00
A. C. Sanborn	3 66
E. J. Leavitt	7 50
James Smith	3 00
Frank O. Leavitt	23 16
E. Forrest Leavitt, Plank	179 00
James L. Wormwood	5 27
Arthur Sprague	5 00
	$ 1,716 36

DETAIL IX.

TOWN MAINTENANCE, WINTER ROAD

Charles Edwards	$ 26 10
Charles Sprague	50 00
Norman Sprague	8 25
Ernest Sprague	3 00
Charles E. Meloon	81 00
Bert W. Davis	75 00
John Crabtree	9 00
John Crabtree	23 25
Charles P. Kimball	55 25
Howard Meloon	34 00
Charles E. Meloon	13 50
Willard Meloon	28 50
H. A. Campbell	3 00
Albert E. Snow	12 00
Benj. Brownell	19 50
Charles Sprague	31 00
F. C. Bonyman	18 88
Leon Bookholz	11 25
Charles Sprague	85 40
A. H. Davis	38 76
M. H. Nutter	57 25
F. A. Pike	23 92
Carl Taylor	25 04
John B. Taylor	1 50
M. H. Nutter	72 50
H. A. Campbell	3 00
Frank Rowe	13 00
C. H. Thompson	4 50
Frank Moody	3 33
F. Moody	11 97
Mellen Moody	13 82
Frank Howe	4 50
Fred Murry	1 50

Charles E. Meloon	$ 72 50
Willard L. Meloon	92 50
Clinton Davis	4 50
Arthur P. Meloon	23 75
Albert Snow	24 50
Ralph W. Nutter	93 50
Charles P. Kimball	3 00
Calvin Clough	24 00
Edgar Kimball	7 50
Charles S. Meloon	2 50
Charles S. Meloon	41 00
Calvin Clough	24 75
Fred Murry	5 00
C. H. Thompson	9 47
Mrs. Asa Ward	21 00
Ed. Skillings	4 00
Ira Cole	17 50
Geo. N. Towle	17 50
Geo. W. Towle	7 00
J. N. and W. C. Marston	57 00
J. N. Marston	9 50
Fred Clough	9 00
Benj. Brownell	2 50
Charles E. Meloon	1 50
Willard L. Meloon	10 50
Owen H. Palmer	138 50
A. H. Davis	4 50
Harry Sanborn	5 25
E. F. Leavitt	44 33
J. H. Smith	10 67
A. D. Jones	26 25
George Allen	10 50
Jesse Wilkinson	6 00
E. J. Leavitt	4 50
John Nicklin	6 00
Elmer Sprague	4 75

Willard Meloon	$ 60 00
Arthur Nichols	6 00
Lester Downs	12 00
Richard Dearborn	41 52
Harry C. Davis	20 00
J. Edward Pierce	10 00
F. A. Pike	43 00
W. D. Gale	18 00
S. K. Meloon	1 50
George H. Leighton	6 00
Sarah Drake	3 00
Arthur P. Meloon	6 00
Leon Marston	6 50
G. A. Meloon, in full to Dec. 28, 1920	84 50
Frank Leavitt	85 50
Lester Emack	3 33
J. M. Leavitt	6 00
Duncan Emack	23 00
J. M. Leavitt	3 00
Herbert Bowler	112 80
	$ 2,261 09

DETAIL X.

GENERAL EXPENSES OF DEPARTMENT

United Const'n Co., Cutting edge for grader	$ 7 20
Melvin H. Nutter, Cutting edge for road mach.	12 00
Harry L. Hill, Express and cartage	2 03
O. F. Parsons, Repairing snow roll	9 75
M. H. Nutter, Repairing snow roll	6 00
Charles J. Leavitt, Housing grader	4 00
Owen Stillings, Repairing snow roll	8 00
	$ 48 98

DETAIL XI.
LIBRARY

Effingham Free Public Library by provision of Sander's Will	$ 10 00

DETAIL XII.
TOWN POOR

J. L. Wormwood, Goods furnished Eunice Bryant	$ 25 31
J. L. Wormwood, Goods furnished Eunice Bryant	41 52
	$ 66 83

DETAIL XIII.
AID TO G. A. R. AND MEMORIAL

Ambrose Post G. A. R.	$ 10 00

DETAIL XIV.
ABATEMENT REFUNDED

Albert E. Snow, Public Water	$ 1 50

DETAIL XV.
INTEREST

Rochester Trust Co.	$ 115 00

DETAIL XVI.
STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Chester Thurston	$ 40 00
Walter Marston	86 21
Carroll Thurston	48 00
Kenneth Thurston	29 77
Geo. A. Meloon	88 88
Harry Farley	40 00
F. A. Pike	44 00
C. H. Clark	65 00
Warren Hadsell	24 00

Sewell K. Meloon	$ 24 00
Bert Davis	8 00
Fred Gardner	24 00
Harry Farley	28 00
Chester Thurston	20 00
Walter Marston	48 00
A. H. Davis	8 00
Geo. A. Meloon	99 00
Walter Marston	48 88
Harry Farley	8 00
Warren Hadsell	49 77
Sewell K. Meloon	47 55
Bert Davis	47 55
F. A. Pike	30 66
Irving Davis	43 55
Charles H. Clark	102 63
	$ 1,103 45

DETAIL XVII.

TOWN CONSTRUCTION

United Construction Co., Bridge Contract	$ 3,350 00
United Construction Co., Cement	35 00
Charles H. Clark, Grading at end of Bridge	24 27
W. R. Clark, Grading at end of Bridge	23 93
	$ 3,433 20

DETAIL XVIII.

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Edson C. Eastman, Check lists and warrants	$ 2 00

INDEBTEDNESS PAYMENTS

Temporary Loans, Rochester Trust Co.	$2,000 00

PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

State Tax, Paid State Treasurer	$ 1,632 00
County Tax, Paid County Treasurer	1,145 44
School District, Paid School Treasurer	3,410 00

ABATEMENTS

Allowed C. H. Drake 1919 Collections	
Edith Perley	$ 24 68
John F. Stetson, Poll paid in Parsonsfield	3 00
Rose E. Blake, (Soldier)	14 40
	$ 42 08
Public Water 1920	
Charles E. Davis	1 50
Orren Stillings, Kennett Tub	3 00
J. M. Leavitt	3 00
	$ 7 50
Allowed Frank O. Leavitt, 1920	
A. Meloon, Drake Property Overtaxed	$ 3 15
S. O. Huckins, Waterhouse Lot, I.S.Drake Store, J.M.Meloon Timber, Overtaxed	14 37
Will Day, Poll paid in Me.	5 00
Leon Bookholz, Poll paid in Tamworth	5 00
Allen Crabtree, Poll paid in Mass.	5 00
Allie Ward, Poll paid in Me.	3 00
Howard Wheeler, Poll paid in Me.	5 00
Charles Logan, Pol and Horse, left town	6 05
Charles L. Lyons, Poll, In the Navy	3 00
Frank Taylor, Poll paid in Me.	5 00
Frank Palmer, Poll and Horse, paid in Me.	6 58
Susan Glidden	3 15
	$ 64 30

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES

Due First Baptist	$ 1 29
Due Universalist	2 23
Due Advent	31 23
Due Ossipee	10 75
Due Fifth Baptist	15 44
Due Third Baptist	25 85
Due Second Baptist	60 55
Due Calvin Baptist	32 74
Due Congregational	43 31
	$ 223 39

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from official records and is complete and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CHARLES H. CLARK
FRANK A. PIKE
MELVIN H. NUTTER
Selectmen of Effingham

We hereby certify that we have this day audited the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM R. CLARK
MOSES S. CHASE

January 31st, 1921. Auditors.

Treasurer's Report

RECEIPTS

Balance in Treasury Jan. 31, 1920	$ 1,111	70
State Treasurer, Balance 1919 appropriation	65	00
State Treasurer, Highway Dept. appropriation	366	74
State Treasurer, Highway Dept. maintenance	326	61
State Treasurer, Savings Bank Tax	285	25
State Treasurer, Fire Bills	29	69
Rochester Trust Co., On Notes	5,600	00
J. N. Marston, Back Tax on Faulkner Place	64	50
J. N. Marston, Back Tax on Skillings Field	27	87
C. H. Drake, Balance 1919 Taxes	233	06
Jesse Wilkinson, 1918 Tax on Keniston Meadow	5	61
H. P. Smart, 1918 Tax on Betsey Bryant meadow	3	06
C. H. Drake, 1918 Tax Fred Reed	5	16
C. H. Drake, Emerson and Adams Back Tax	91	22
C. H. Drake, Minnie Brown Back Tax	112	04
J. L. Wormwood, Town Clerk, Dog License	46	75
J. L. Wormwood, Town Clerk, Automobile Tax	148	05
C. H. Drake, Taxes Bought 1920	14	25
F. O. Leavitt, Taxes Bought 1920	3	50
S. U. Cutting, Taxes Bought 1920	4	76
F. O. Leavitt, Collection 1920	10,897	62
Total	$ 19,442	44

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Selectmen's Orders bal. 1919-1920	$ 18,790	48
Receipts	$ 19,442	44
Disbursements	18,790	48
Balance in Treasury	$ 651	96

S. U. CUTTING Treasurer

This to certify that we have this day examined the accounts of the Treasurer and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM R. CLARK
MOSES S. CHASE

February 12, 1921. Auditors.

ASSETS

Cash in Treasury		$ 651 96
Due from F. O. Leavitt, Collector		828 71
Due on Non-Resident Real Estate Carried by Town		
W. E. Ireland, Lots on Bailey Farm		29 72
Augusta A. Morgan,	"	11 03
William H. Johnson,	"	6 26
John L. O'Leary,	"	11 28
James F. Abbott,	"	17 99
William Daley,	"	37 35
Alonzo Minor,	"	8 97
Thomas J. McKnight,	"	10 01
Walter J. Gillis,	"	9 87
J. A. Pine,	"	7 32
Samuel C. Clark,	"	6 43
H. F. Dow,	"	6 64
C. E. Cushing,	"	14 46
Thomas Holden,	"	4 29
James J. Coveny,	"	5 94
L. N. Torrey,	"	12 36
Frank Russell,	"	4 93
Walter Glidden,	"	1 96
Mrs. C. G. Marcey,	"	4 68
Joseph Moore,	"	11 90
Mary T. Johnson,	"	6 27
L. O. Young		4 94
N. L. Laidlow		2 44
Thomas Sullivan		2 36
A. E. O. Pascoe		6 77

Hallie C. Blake, Part Bailey Farm	123 15
Estate Jeremiah Welch	8 28
Joseph Gibson, 1 acre Mark Roberts' Place	2 58
Due on Resident Real Estate Carried by Town Including interest to Jan. 31, 1921 but not 1920 Taxes	
John M. Chase, 1st. Home Place	7 77
George Chase, Home Place	8 39
H. A. Miles, Skillings' Place	98 07
Chas. Wormwood, Rowe Place & Parsonage Lot	50 80
H. E. Munroe	2 97
Gideon Southerland	52 70
Estate H. A. F. Colcord	19 10
Total Assets	$ 2,100 65

LIABILITIES

Due Rochester Trust Co., On Notes	$ 4,900 00
Due Harriet M. Murray, On Notes	107 99
Due Religious Societies	223 39
Total Liabilities	$ 5,231 38

S. U. CUTTING Treasurer.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

From February 1, 1920 to August 31, 1920

To the citizens of Effingham, N. H., the Board of Education submits the following report.

CURRENT REVENUE

Balance	$ 580 31
From State	1,516 14
From Selectmen, Raised by Taxation	
Support Elementary Schools	2,309 00
Deficiency Appropriation	138 00
High School Tuition	300 00
Repairs	100 00
Per Capita Tax	172 00
From Sources Other Than Taxation	
Dog Licenses	45 00
Trust Fund	40 00
Total	$ 5,270 45

ORDINARY CURRENT EXPENSES

Administration	
Expenses of Administration	$ 7 05
Instruction	
Teachers' Salaries	1,694 00
Scholars' Supplies	71 46
Text Books	80 93
Operation and Maintenance of School Plant	
Janitor Service	37 63
Fuel	127 70
Minor Repairs	41 15

Auxiliary Agencies and Special Activities	
Transportation of Pupils	$ 161 00
High School Tuition	300 00
Total	$ 2,520 92
To Balance (Sept. 1, 1920)	2,749 53
	$ 5,270 45

Estimate of School Expenses for Year 1921-22, To Be Raised By Town Appropriation.

Amount Required by Law
$3.50 on each $1000 of Valuation

Additional Amount Necessary to Procure State Aid
$1.50 on each $1000 of Valuation

Salaries of District Officers	$ 70 00
Superintendent's Excess Salary	55 55
Other Expenses of Administration	50 00
Repairs	200 00
High School Tuition	300 00
"Per Capita" Tax (Required by Law)	148 00

Respectfully Submitted,

ARTHUR P. MELOON
FLORENCE L. G. LEAVITT
EDITH K. TAYLOR
School Board.

Annual Report of the School Board of the Town of Effingham

School Board

ARTHUR P. MELOON, Chairman Term expires 1921
FLORENCE LEAVITT, Clerk Term expires 1922
EDITH K. TAYLOR Term expires 1923

Superintendent of Schools

HAROLD C. WINGATE

Attendance Officer

Dr. J. M. LEAVITT

School Physician

Dr. J. M. LEAVITT

REGULATIONS OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

School Admission

No child will be admitted to the first grade who has not attained the age of five years on the date of opening school in September. Pupils are admitted to this grade only at the beginning of the school year, unless they have been in attendance at some other school. The age of compulsory attendance is eight years, so that any child whose eighth birthday falls between the opening and closing of the school year must enter at the beginning of the school year. On the other hand, any child not included in the above statement, attending school between the ages of five and eight years must be in regular attendance; otherwise he may be dismissed from school for the remainder of the school year at the discretion of the Superintendent.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board of Effingham:

One of the fundamental provisions of the New Educational Law of 1919 was that every elementary school should be maintained at least thirty-six weeks in each year. Previous to the passage of this act there was no minimum legal school year; the number of weeks required for state aid was thirty, and thirty-six districts failed to maintain their schools for even thirty weeks. Consequently, when the New Law proposed a uniform school year for urban and rural children, many people expressed their belief that a school year in rural districts of thirty-six weeks was impossible and that permanently country children must be given less schooling, than those living in villages and cities. Effingham last year demonstrated that in this respect the New Educational Law was sound. Not only did each one of the schools maintain its thirty-six weeks in spite of an unusually severe winter, but they were all able to close at an early date in June.

On the whole, school attendance was very good, the average being 93 per cent, slightly better than the average in the entire state. The names of twenty-five pupils appear upon the Roll of Honor, and ten of these were neither absent nor tardy for the entire year. Unfortunately, in several of our schools there were some unnecessary absences. In such cases the parents are responsible, and any cases of marked negligence in this matter should be prosecuted. A child's absence from school not only retards his own progress but that of the whole class and school, and thus becomes a matter of concern to all tax-payers. This year ought, and I believe will, show a higher percent of attendance than last.

In common with many other small towns, Effingham has been handicapped by a lack of good text-

books, both in number and quality. To the extent that state aid has allowed money for that purpose new books have been purchased. As text-books are an item of state aid, I do not expect the town to make a special appropriation for this purpose, but I do believe that the parents, in co-operation with teachers, can aid in solving the problem. The period of usefulness of any book depends upon the care it receives. By care a book used daily may be serviceable for a number of years. On the other hand, by carelessness, it may need to be discarded at the end of a year or two. If the parent will be zealous to implant in the child's mind a wholesome respect for all things that are of service, and the teacher exercises a wise watchfulness over the child's habits of study in the schoolroom, a more plentiful supply of books may be assured.

In 1919 the State Board of Education passed a number of regulations regarding the minimum approval of schoolhouses. All of our Effingham schoolhouses did not, and in some ways do not now, meet these standards. Alterations to secure a greater lighting area in four of the schools were consequently carried out last summer, and at a relatively small expense much improvement was made. I realize that many people do not appreciate the importance of these things, and that those in authority in school affairs were subjected to some criticism on account of the changes, which were regarded as unnecessary. Space should not be taken in this report to discuss these improvements; let me simply say that the work was not done for the sake of whim or fancy, but because sound principles concerning the health and welfare of pupils demanded it, and nothing less would have been accepted by the State Board of Education. During the coming summer it is necessary to make some repairs and slight modifications in the toilets of each school. Al-

though not essential, it is very desirable that the toilets be connected with the schoolhouses, with the approach from the school-room rather than the school yard.

Several changes in teachers were made at the end of the last school year by the resignations of Mrs. Dearborn of the Lord's Hill School, and Mrs. Fulton of the Falls School. Fred N. Leavitt was elected to the position at Lord's Hill, and Miss Mabel Rounds to the one at Effingham Falls. The other teachers have continued this year at their respective schools. As the salaries were very low last year compared with those in most other towns of the state, an increase of 25 per cent was made this year. The position of a rural school teacher is most important; few positions are more so, and I wish that every teacher might get a vision of her full opportunities and responsibilities here. An increase of salary may express appreciation, but the wage is really a small part of the compensation of faithful service, which is its own reward and above price.

Especially among the older generation, a complaint is sometimes heard that the schools of the present are not as good as those of the old days. While I do not concede that this is true,—the school offers more today than ever before,—two factors in the past contributed in no small degree to make the schools appreciated and to aid them in fulfilling their purpose. In the first place, there was often the exceptional teacher. The terms of school were of short duration and we know that many of our ablest men of the past earned their way through college by teaching occasional terms in the country school. Even then, the profit was not so much in amount of knowledge gained or any special method used in presenting it, as by contact of pupil with a strong, dominant and purposeful

personality. In the second place, the pupil's everyday life and the training which he received at home made him more ready to accept responsibility. He was thrown more upon his own resources. He was used to hard work. He did not go to school on account of attendance laws, but because what was offered he wanted. In other words, his individual responsibilities at home, translated into school environment, made him eager to grasp every opportunity.

In conclusion, let me express my appreciation of the loyalty of the teachers, and for the constant cooperation of the members of the School Board in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD C. WINGATE,
Superintendent.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

Balance in Treasury Jan. 31, 1920	$ 580 31
Received State Treasurer	1,516 14
Received Balance School Money	438 00
Total Receipts	$ 2,534 45

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid Orders From School Board	$ 2,470 19
Balance August 31, 1920	$ 64 26

S. U. CUTTING
District Treasurer.

Table of Attendance by Schools

	Total Membership	Average Membership	Per Cent of Attendance
Effiingham Falls	24	16	93
Lord's Hill	18	14	91
Center Effingham	18	13	92
South Effingham	18	15	87
Pine River	14	9	95
Mountain	13	9	98
	105	76	93

Membership by Grades

Grade	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII
	18	21	9	26	10	8	8	5

Graduates—1920

Lord's Hill School	Nellie B. Philbrick
Pine River School	Howard M. Meloon
	Ruth G. Palmer
Mountain School	Aylene L. Cutting

High Scool Attendance, 1920-1921

Parsonsfield Seminary	Lester Emack
	Nellie B. Philbrick
Porter High School	Aylene L. Cutting
	Ruth G. Palmer

Roll of Honor

Year—Three Terms

Arlene Cutting
Arnold Cutting
Eva Davis
Irving Davis
Velma Davis
Chester Moody
Dorothy Moody
Caroline Nelson
Russell Nelson
Laurence Taylor

Two Terms

Gertrude Emack
Mary Leavitt
Inez Taylor
Nellie Philbrick
Robert Strong

One Term

Hattie Chase
Ethel Cresey
Louise Leavitt
Albert Luiscott
Norman Taylor
Richard Taylor
Sumner Taylor
Philip Thurston
Clinton Wilkinson
Forrest Wilkinson

List of Teachers, 1919—1920

School	Grade	Teachers	No.of Weeks	Salary
Effingham Falls	1-8	Wilma P. Wilkinson	16	$ 224
		Marion E. Weeks	9	126
		Eugenie M. Fulton	11	154
Lord's Hill	1-8	Annie C. Dearborn	36	504
Center Effingham	1-8	Gladys Leavitt	36	504
South Effingham	1-8	Leona M. Leavitt	36	504
Pine River	1-8	Marguerite C. Dooley (Substitute)	2	28
		Elmer S. Anderson	1	14
		Gladys W. Stevens	1	14
		Marcia D. Whiton	11	154
		Wilma P. Wilkinson	21	294
Mountain	1-8	Ruth Snow	36	504

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF EFFINGHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR 1920

RECEIPTS

From Chas. J. Leavitt, Treas. Library Trustees	$162 02
S. U. Cutting, Town Treas. for 1919	35 00
C. H. Drake, Trustee for 1918	35 00
Sanders Will Fund for 1920	10 00
S. U. Cutting, Town Treas. for 1920	10 00
	$252 02

EXPENDITURES

Paid DeWolfe & Fiske Co., books	$121 62
Subscription to Literary Digest	4 00
Kate E. Barker, supplies for library	5 54
Proctor D. Towle, books	5 50
Funk & Wagnalls, books	15 80
Library Book House, books	24 89
	$177 35
Balance in treasury	74 67
	$252 02

During 1920 about 185 books have been added to the library, making in all some over 1700 volumes. A large number of books have been repaired, and the juvenile books placed in a separate section. There is now much need of additional shelf room, before more books are purchased.

J. M. LEAVITT
E. F. LEAVITT
KATE E. BARKER
Trustees

We hereby certify that we have this day audited the foregoing accounts and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

WILLIAM R. CLARK
MOSES S. CHASE
February 5, 1921 Auditors

Marriages Registered in the Town of Effingham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

DATE OF MARRIAGE PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF GROOM AND BRIDE RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	AGE IN YEARS	COLOR	NO. OF MAR.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF GROOM AND BRIDE OCCUPATION OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	NAME OF FATHER MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	BIRTHPLACE OF PARENTS	NAME, OFFICIAL STATION AND RESIDENCE OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED
June 26 Effingham	Herbert L. Bowden Brookline, Mass. Louise T. Barnes Brookline, Mass.	54 48	All White	2 2	Marblehead, Mass. Treasurer Freedom Home	James G. Bowden Sarah S. Graves Benjamin N. Towle Albronia L. Demeritt	Marblehead, Mass. Melrose, Mass. Freedom, Effingham	B. D. Newell Clergyman Effingham
July 5 Dover	Frederick C. Bonyman Effingham Joan M. Burns Effingham	34 34		1 2	Boston, Mass. Commerc'l traveler Lyndonville, Vt. Housekeeper	Harry E. Bonyman Annie C. Munroe James Crofton Catherine Shea	Halifax, N. S. Sheet Harbor, N. S. Liverpool, England Halifax, N. S.	David A. Pearson Clergyman Dover
October 25 Effingham	Harry Sanborn Effingham Mary T. Gould Effingham	31 19		1 1	Shapleigh, Maine Millman Wakefield Housewife	Will Sanborn Mary Sprague Albert N. Gould Fannie Durgin	Parsonsfield, Me. Shapleigh, Me. South Berwick. Me. Madison	Richard Dearborn Justice of the Peace Effingham

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JAMES L. WORMWOOD, TOWN CLERK.

Births Registered in the Town of Effingham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1920.

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD (IF RECORDED)	NO. OF CHILD	SEX	LIVING OR STILLBORN	COLOR	NAME OF FATHER MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	AGE IN YEARS	OCCUPATION OF FATHER RESIDENCE OF PARENTS	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER
March 20	Thelma May	1	F	All Living	All White	Ralph N. Ward Dorothy Frost	23 18	Farmer Effingham	Wakefield Madison
March 28	Charles E.	4	M			Daniel Fitzgerald Maude Laporte	55 38	Farmer Effingham	Chester, Vermont Rochester, Vermont
August 2		5	F			Harry Nelson Dilly Templeton		Merchant Effingham	
August 13		1	M			Harry Sanborn Mary F. Gould	31 19	Laborer Effingham	Shapleigh, Maine Wakefield

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Deaths Registered in the Town of Effingham, N. H., for the Year Ending December 31, 1920

DATE OF DEATH PLACE OF DEATH	NAME AND SURNAME OF DECEASED PLACE OF BIRTH OF DECEASED	AGE			SEX	COLOR	CONDITION: SINGLE, MARRIED OR WIDOWED	OCCUPATION	NAME OF FATHER MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER
		YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS					
January 9 Effingham	Agnes M. Fogg Scotland	69	7	28	F	All White	Widowed	Housewife	James Grant Marion James
January 16 Effingham	Caroline Carlin Newport	76	11	4	F		Widowed	Housekeeper	Hial Hurd Beulah ——
February 20 Effingham	Evelyn A. Marston Freedom	70	2	15	F		Married	Housekeeper	John A. Durgin Mary Keniston
March 9 Effingham	John M. Chase Parsonsfield, Maine	80	3	25	M		Married	Farmer	Wells Chase Mary Kimball
March 22 Freedom	Hannah A. Chick Effingham	67	2	25	F		Widowed	Housewife	Rufus Bean
July 6 Effingham	Eunice Bryant Freedom	89	10	18	F		Widowed	Housewife	Oliver Thurston
July 15 Effingham	John W. S. Palmer Effingham	78	8	23	M		Widowed	Farmer	Luther S. Palmer
November 14 Effingham	Hattie Neal Tuftonboro	54	11		F		Married	Housewife	Edward P. Leavitt Ruth M. Peavey
November 23 Effingham	Charles C. Philbrook Moultonboro	82	4	6	M		Married	Leather worker	George W. Philbrook Elizabeth Brazier

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